

Attachment B

American College of Physicians Status of Transactions Implementation

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HIPAA Transactions Straw Poll

- Setting: ACP annual meeting
- Dates: April 3-5, 2003
- Nature of poll: Informal and unscientific
- Main Distribution: Attendees at two workshops
- Respondents: 100% physicians
- HIPAA Instruction Given?:
 - HIPAA Course—Yes
 - Finance Course & Booth—No

Response Rates

Source	Course Attendees	Number of Responses	% Responding
HIPAA Course	100	46	46%
Finance Course	90	34	38%
Booth	N/A	12	N/A
Total		92	

- 115,000 Members of ACP
- 6,500 Attended Annual Session

Physician were asked whether they:

- Are required to comply with HIPAA
- Have discussed HIPAA with computer vendor
- Verified that vendor's system able to send compliant 837 transactions by 10/16/03
- Have already updated practice's software
- Will have begun testing by 4/16/03
- Have identified new required content elements

Results

		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Total #	Required to	Discussed	Verified	Software	Test by	Content
	Surveys	Comply (CE's)	w/vendor	837	updated	4/16/03	elements
HIPAA Course	46	89%	80%	62%	64%	55%	40%
Finance Course	34	91%	78%	62%	66%	72%	50%
Booth	12	67%	100%	100%	75%	88%	63%
Overall	92	87%	87%	71%	71%	70%	49%

Note: Responses percentages for questions 2-6 exclude non-CE's

Reasonable Conclusions

- Physicians are aware of requirement to comply with TCS rule
- They have determined their covered entity status
- Most have begun contacting their PMS vendors
- Many have installed updated software
- However, responses indicating extensive internal follow-through (testing, new content identification, etc.) are questionable

PAHCOM* March 2003 Survey

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(May/June Medical Office Management)

“What is the status of your practice’s Transactions Standards Testing?”

• Scheduled for Testing:	536 (43%)
• Testing is complete:	230 (18%)
• What testing?:	226 (18%)
• N/A:	174 (14%)
• Did not answer this question:	88 (7%)
Total Responses	1254 (100%)

* Professional Association of Health Care Office Management